Cooperative Development Corporation, an amount of Rs. 95 lakhs has been allocated by the State Government during the current year 1989-90 from out of Special Central Assistance released by the Government of India. Funds are released keeping in view the availability of funds.

Schemes for the supply of drinking water in Kerala

1160. SHRI THOMAS KUTHIRAVATTOM: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are planning to implement any scheme in Kerala to tackle the drinking water problem; and

(b) whether any foreign aid is expected towards drinking water supply projects in Kerala?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) The schemes for supply of safe drinking water in 'No source problem villages' and partially covered villages in Kerala are being implemented by the State Government under the State Sector Minimum Needs Programme, Centrally Sponsored Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme, Mini Mission and Sub Mission projects under the National Drinking Water Mission.

(b) No, Sir.

Import of newsprint

@1161. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI:
DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to allow the newspaper industry to import newsprint to meet the shortage; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (PROF. K. K. TEWARY): (a) No, Sir. Newsprint is a canalised item imported through State Trading Corporation of India, Government have taken necessary steps to ensure adequate and sustained supply of newprint.

(b) Does not arise.

Supply of inferior quality rice through Fair Price Shops

1162. SHRI THOMAS KUTHIRAVATTOM: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that inferior quality rice is being supplied through Fair Price Shops in Delhi while charging the rate of super fine variety;

(b) whether it is due to mal-practices in collusion with the F.C.I. staff and fair price shop owners; and

(c) whether Government propose to give at least 10 Kg. of superfine rice to rice eaters in Delhi per month?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) No, Sir. Super-fine variety of rice is distributed through fair price shops in Delhi. However, the rice presently distributed conforms to a slightly relaxed specifications but within the specification under Prevention of Food Adulteration Act.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Entitlement per person is decided upon the availability, at any particular time.

कपास उत्पादन का लक्ष्य

1163. श्री मोर्जा इशाविजेग : क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

@Previously Unstarred Question No. 562 transferred from the 24th July, 1989.

(क) वर्ष 1988-89 के दौरान प्रत्येक राज्य के लिये कपास उत्पादन का क्या लक्ष्य निर्धारित किया गया है ;

(ख) सफेद मक्खी की वजह से कपास उत्पादकों को हुई हानि के लिये उन्हें किस तरह की वित्तीय सहायता दी गई है और गुजरात सरकार की क्या मांग रही है और सरकार की इस पर क्या प्रतिक्रिया है ; और

(ग) अगले वर्ष के लिये बनाई गई आयात-निर्यात नीति का ब्यौरा क्या है ?

कृषि मंत्रालय में कृषि और सहकारिता विभाग में राज्य मंत्री (श्री श्याम लाल यादव) : (क) एक विवरण-पत्र संलग्न है। **(नीचे देखिए)**

(ख) कपास की फसल को सफेद मक्खी सहित कीटों के प्रकोप से बचाने के लिये 1989-90 के दौरान केन्द्रीय प्रायोजित गहन कपास विकास कार्यक्रम के तहत एक प्रावधान किया गया है। गुजरात सरकार ने सफेद मक्खी की वजह से हुई हानि हेतु कोई अलग मांग नहीं की है।

(ग) अगले वर्ष के लिये आयात-निर्यात नीति के संबंध में निर्णय लेना अभी सही नहीं है।

विवरण

(170 कि० ग्राम वाली लाख गांठें)

क्र० सं०	राज्य	उत्पादन लक्ष्य
1	आंध्र प्रदेश	10.73
2	गुजरात	18.30
3	हरियाणा	9.69
4	कर्नाटक	7.12
5	मध्य प्रदेश	2.94
6	महाराष्ट्र	18.27
7	पंजाब	16.72
8	राजस्थान	7.19
9	तमिलनाडु	5.23
10	अन्य	0.68
	अखिल भारत का योग:	97.80

Use of neem products as pesticides

1164. SHRI SHAMIM HASHMI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news report which appeared in the Indian Express of the 27th June, 1989 about British researchers attempt to produce synthetic versions of neem products as pesticides;

(b) if so, the details thereof and what are the possibilities for large-scale production of such products; and

(c) whether Government propose to initiate similar intensive R&D work for commercial production of such products?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH AND EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HARI KRISHNA SHASTRI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The British researchers are attempting to produce a synthetic version of the Azadirachtin molecule that is naturally present in the neem tree. The active compounds in impure neem extract degrade easily as the chemical is light sensitive. Hence, large scale production of neem-based compounds has not so far been possible.

(c) Yes, Sir.

Newsprint shortage and Price Hike

@1165. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI KAPIL VERMA:
SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA:
KUMARI SAYEEDA KHATUN:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) what steps are proposed by

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